



DC COMMISSION ON THE ARTS & HUMANITIES

MINUTES

**DC COMMISSION ON THE ARTS & HUMANITIES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022**

Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the Commission on the Arts and Humanities was called to order at 5:38 pm, Monday, March 21, 2022, in open session via the Cisco Webex virtual meeting platform, with Chairperson Reggie Van Lee presiding. The meeting was livestreamed to the Commission's YouTube channel for public viewing.

Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Reggie Van Lee, *Chairperson*; Stacie Lee Banks; Cora Masters Barry; Maggie Fitzpatrick; Rhona Wolfe Friedman; Kymber Menkiti; MaryAnn Miller; Cicie Sattarnilasskorn; Carla Sims; José Alberto Uclés; Gretchen B. Wharton; Derek Younger

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Quanice, Floyd; Natalie Hopkinson; Maria Rooney; Hector Torres

STAFF ATTENDEES:

David Markey, *Deputy Director*; Lauren Dugas Glover, *Public Art Manager*; Terrell Johnson, *Senior Grants Officer*; Brian Allende, *Resource Allocation Officer*; Jeffrey Scott, *Chief of Staff*; Patrick Realiza, *Social Media Specialist*; Kevin Hasser, *Grants Manager*; Sarah Gordon, *Curator*

Quorum

A quorum was determined to be present.

Land Acknowledgment

The Chair read the acknowledgment of the ancestral lands of the Nacotchtank and Piscataway Peoples.

Adoption of the Agenda

The meeting's agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the February 28, 2022, regular meeting and the minutes of the March 7, 2022 were both approved by unanimous consent.

Welcome & Public Comment

Chairperson Van Lee welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chair introduced Stephen Beaudoin, Executive Director of The Washington Chorus, for public comment. Mr. Beaudoin expressed his appreciation for the support of the Commission and invited the Commission to learn alongside its grantees on results and process.

Director's Report

The Chair announced that Executive Director Sereke-Brhan was unable to attend the meeting, and that without objection, the meeting would forgo the reading of the Director's Report, which was previously circulated.

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Finance Report

Resource Allocation Officer Brian Allende gave the Finance Report, noting that there was approximately \$4.2 million remaining in the FY22 grants budget, with approximately 80 approved grant awards awaiting purchase orders.

Grants Committee Report

Commissioner Gretchen Wharton, Grants Committee Chair, introduced the Committee Report. The Committee recommended enhancements to 145 FY22 General Operating Support grantees as reported in the following table.

Budget Size	% Enhancement	# of Orgs	Total \$	Average Enhancement
\$8K - \$99K	30%	21	\$330,932	\$15,759
\$104K - \$250K	22.5%	24	\$400,764	\$16,698
\$268K - \$494K	15%	21	\$342,606	\$16,315
\$533K - \$980K	15%	26	\$467,125	\$17,966
\$1.003M - \$5.307M	12.5%	40	\$664,150	\$16,604
\$7.115M+	7.5%	13	\$167,147	\$12,857
Total		145	\$2,372,724	

Commissioner Wharton moved the approval of the recommendation as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Banks, Fitzpatrick, Friedman, Menkiti, Miller, Sattarnilasskorn, Sims, Uclés, Wharton, Younger

NOES: none

NV: Barry

MOTION PASSED, 10–0–1

The FY22 Facilities and Buildings: Rent and Mortgage Relief program recently closed with 125 applications received, a 40% increase from FY21. In order to support as many requests as possible, the Committee recommended increasing the FY22 FAB-R grants budget by \$1 million, for a total of \$2 million available for grant funding. Commissioner Wharton moved the approval of the recommendation as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Banks, Barry, Fitzpatrick, Friedman, Menkiti, Miller, Sattarnilasskorn, Sims, Uclés, Wharton, Younger

NOES: none

MOTION PASSED, 11–0

Public Art Committee Report

Commissioner Maggie Fitzpatrick, Public Art Committee Chair, introduced the Committee Report on the recommendations for the FY 2022 Color the Curb: School Safety Program Civic Commission Project. Public Art Manager Lauren Dugas Glover explained the grant program and review process. The Color the Curb Program is a collaborative design and placemaking partnership between CAH and the District of Department of Transportation's (DDOT) Art in the Right of Way (AROW) program with the objective to activate spaces around road safety measures with ground murals, in this case near four elementary schools in Ward 7. The Committee recommended grant awards of \$30,000 each to the four highest ranked

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applicants for a total funding amount of \$120,000. Commissioner Fitzpatrick moved the approval of the recommendation as presented

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Banks, Barry, Fitzpatrick, Friedman, Menkiti, Miller, Sattarnilasskorn, Sims, Uclés, Wharton, Younger

NOES: none

MOTION PASSED, 11–0

Commissioner Fitzpatrick then spoke about the Marion Barry Legacy Mural Project, which will be installed in the lobby of the Marion Barry Building at 441 4th Street NW. The Department of General Services provided \$155,000 to support the project. The Committee recommended that the Commission allocate an additional \$95,000 of its own funds to the project, for a total project budget of \$250,000. Commissioner Fitzpatrick moved the approval of the recommendation as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Banks, Fitzpatrick, Friedman, Menkiti, Sattarnilasskorn, Sims, Uclés, Wharton, Younger

NOES: none

NV: Barry

MOTION PASSED, 9–0–1

New Business

Chair Van Lee announced that a Secretary would now be elected, with subsequent secretarial elections being held at the October regular meeting in accordance with the Commission's new bylaws. The Chair called for nominations from the floor of current committee chairs for Secretary. Commissioner Fitzpatrick nominated Commissioner Hector Torres. Commissioner Rhona Friedman nominated Commissioner Fitzpatrick. The Chair called for votes by secret ballot be sent directly to Chief of Staff Jeffrey Scott.

VOTES FOR SECRETARY

Fitzpatrick: 2

Torres: 9

By a vote of 9-2, Commissioner Torres was elected Secretary for the remainder of FY 2022.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:46 pm.